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BEGINNERS

Famous Trials Website

The email address, info@starklawlibrary.org really works! TRY IT!!

Such clichés as “History repeats itself” and “What comes around, goes around” find substance at the Famous Trials website.

From Socrates to Clinton, over 40 of the major cases in law are presented at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm>>.

Douglas Linder says of his site,

My vision was to create the Web's largest collection of primary documents, images, essays, and other materials relating to famous trials from Salem to Simpson. Trials have long struck me as wonderful vehicles for exploring history and human nature. What better way to understand the 20s than reading about the Scopes, Sacco-Vanzetti, and Leopold and Loeb trials? What provides better insights into the nature of evil than reading the transcripts of the William Calley court-martial or the Nuremberg trials? Would not the Amistad, Shipp, Scottsboro Boys, Sweet, and “Mississippi Burning” trials provide an excellent launching point for a discussion of racism in America? I wanted these materials to be made readily available, in an easily digestible form, for everyone from junior high students to law professors.¹

This site can be both informative and entertaining. Test your knowledge “Jeopardy-style” of the Lincoln assassination conspiracy trial at <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/lincoln_conspiracy/jeopardy.html>, Salem witchcraft trials at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/scopesjeopardy%5B1%5D.htm>>, or the Scopes trial at <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/scopes/scopes_jeopardy.html>, or read the Dr. Seuss-style account of O.J. Simpson's trial testimony at <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/Simpson/satire_seuss.html#The%20O.%20J.%20Simpson>.

For informative and very interesting material try:

- “The Influence of the Beatles on Charles Manson” <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/manson/mansonbeatles.html>>
- “The John Hinckley Trial and its Effect on the Insanity Defense”



The Famous Trials website has a lot of interesting and entertaining information.

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- at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/hinckley/hinckleyinsanity.htm>>
- “Shoot-Out Scenarios: Two Very Different Versions of What Happened in Tombstone on October 26, 1881” at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/earp/scenarios.html>>
- The 1892 autopsy reports on Andrew and Abby Borden at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/LizzieBorden/bordenautopsies.html>>
- “Homosexuality and the Law in England, 1533 -1967” at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/wilde/wildelawpage.html>>
- “Lynching in America: Statistics, Information, Images” from the Shipp trial at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/shipp/lynchstats.html>>
- “In Their Own Words” at The Scottsboro Boys trials <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/FTrials/scottsboro/SB_quote.html> and the Chicago Seven trial at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/Chicago7/OwnWords.html>>
- “Ransom Notes, Responses and Other Communications” from the Lindbergh kidnapping trial at <<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/Hauptmann/Ransom.htm>>.

INTERMEDIATE

Web-Based Email

Google’s Gmail (still in beta!) has started the ball rolling (again). Not only did Gmail <<https://mail.google.com/mail/>> revolutionize a stagnant web based email industry it also introduced new email management methodologies, but it may soon be passed over by Yahoo mail <<http://mail.yahoo.com/>> and Microsoft’s new Live Mail <<http://www.ideas.live.com/programpage.aspx?versionId=5d21c51a-b161-4314-9b0e-4911fb2b2e6d>> (also still in beta).

asp?versionId=5d21c51a-b161-4314-9b0e-4911fb2b2e6d> (also still in beta).

Lots of people have Gmail accounts because of their huge storage, easy searching and unique linking system - but it is a real love it/hate it item. You may want to check out Gmail Tips at <<http://jimstips.com/gmailtips>> and consider the competition.

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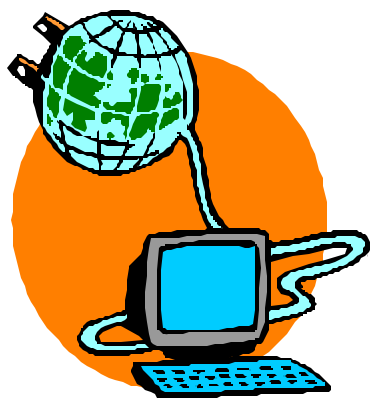
Also in the market are:

- HotMail <<http://login.passport.net/ui/login.srf?lc=1033&id=2>> the original free email account service on the Internet
- Lycos Communication Center <<http://mail.lycos.com/>> a free, full-service communication hub
- Sneakemail <<http://sneakemail.com/>> which offers disposable email addresses to protect your real email address from spam
- Then there's Langoo <<http://idnnow.com/index.jsp>> for non-English speakers
- And last but not least, the generic Email.com <<http://www.mail.com/scripts/common/index.main?signin=1&lang=us>>²

Plenty of people have web accounts for lots of different reasons. For a very good discussion of throw away addresses and reasons to have more than one, read this LifeHacker special article, "Geek to Live: Future-Proof your Email Address" <<http://www.lifehacker.com/software/geek-to-live/geek-to-live-futureproof-your-email-address-140480.php>> and all the comments posted at the end!

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More on Web 2.0



Take a look at Tim O'Reilly's excellent Meme Map³ located at <<http://www.oreillynet.com/lpt/a/6228>>, because it clearly illustrates the complex "interrelated, mutually reinforcing concepts in Web 2.0 like true disintermediation, customer self-service, and harnessing collective intelligence."⁴

And while all that is great and interesting, this month I want to get down to the basics of why Web 2.0 should matter to YOU! Because this time, it's Your Web.

Web 2.0 ideas have been successful (at least) because they effectively put people back into the technological equation... Web 2.0 fundamentally revolves around *us* and seeks to ensure that we engage ourselves, participate and collaborate together, and mutually trust and enrich each other, even though we could be separated by the entire world geographically. And Web 2.0 gives us very specific techniques to do this and attempts to address the "people problem" directly.⁵

The Web is increasingly less about places and other nouns, now the emphasis is on verbs. People are gathering and disseminating

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their own news with blogs and podcasts and producing their own entertainment on video, social networking, gaming and photo sharing sites.⁶

Web 2.0 has spawned many offshoots, like Advertising 2.0, “participatory, scalable advertising;” Democracy 2.0, a grassroots attempt to address problems with today’s government;

Identity 2.0, “an intriguing concept most identified with Sxip <<http://sxip.com/>> and Dick Hardt;” Library 2.0, which “emphasizes the two-way flow of information between library users and the library staff;” Media 2.0 and most importantly Law 2.0 which we will consider next month.⁷

FOOTNOTES

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